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In re the Application of:

HOUN SIMON HSIA

Serial No.: 08/828,143

Filed: March 24, 1997

**For: STABILIZED SOLID BACTERIA
COMPOSITIONS**

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) **Group Art Unit: 1651**

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) **Examiner: Irene Marx**

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IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Cancelled) A stable, dried bacteria composition, comprising effective amounts of:

a bacteria;

a dried, non-viable yeast; and

protein.

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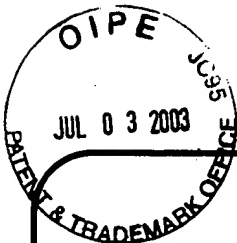
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**REQUEST
FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
TRANSMITTAL**

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.
See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

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Examiner Name	Irene Marx
Attorney Docket Number	708005.8 (L&L 239/252)

This is a Request for continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective May 29, 2000. If the above-identified was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patented term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on May 27, 2003
Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered.
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Preliminary Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declarations(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☒ Other _____; Return Postcard

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2. **Miscellaneous**

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other _____

3. **Fees**

The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by

- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 150665
- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) \$375.00
- ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17); if any extension of time is required, please consider this a request therefor. 3 Month Extension fee of \$460.00
- iii. ☐ Other: Any fee under \$1.15 or _____
- b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$ _____ enclosed
- c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

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